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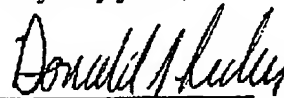
**RE:** Enclosed Final Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Statement  
of Substance of Interview under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)  
U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/814,288  
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Our Reference No.: NGB.387

Dear Examiner Hewitt,

Enclosed for filing is a Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2007, and a Statement of Substance of Interview under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) in response to the personal Examiner Interview held on December 19, 2007 in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**AND**  
**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2007, please consider the Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application as follows: